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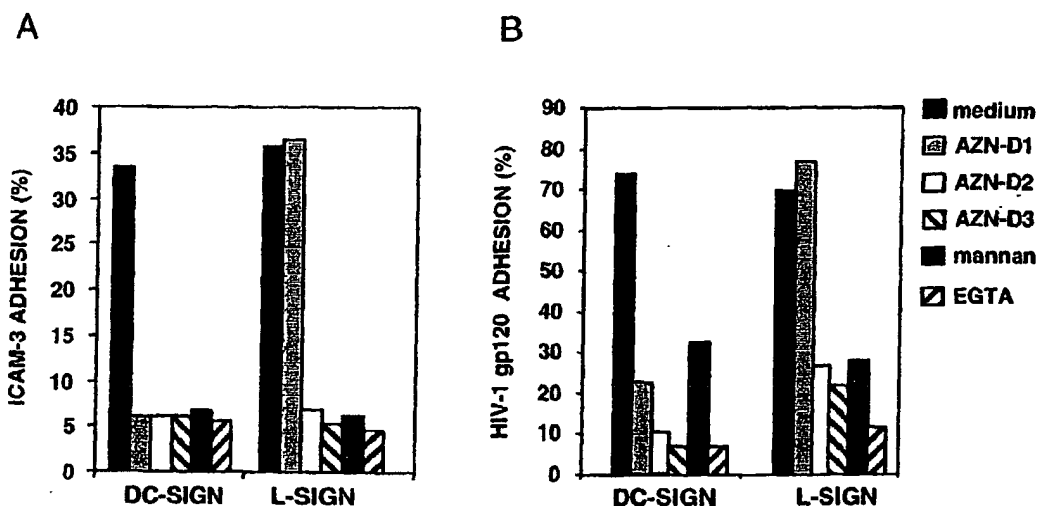
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NUSOIDAL ENDOTHELIAL CELLS IN LIVER AND LYMPH NODES



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to the use of a compound that binds to a C-type lectin on the surface of a sinusoid endothelial layer, in the preparation of a composition for modulating, in particular reducing, the immune response in animal, in particular a human or another mammal. The sinusoid endothelial layer may be either constituted by liver sinusoid endothelial cells (LSEC) or by the lymph node sinusoidal zone.

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 16  
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